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MASUMI SATO ET AL : EXAMINER: GRAINGER, Q.

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FOR: CHARGING ROLLER HAVING ELASTIC MEMBER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, Applicants request the reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 51 and 52, for the reasons set forth below:

REMARKS

Claims 51 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over the U.S. patent to Kisu in view of the Japanese patent publication to Kaname et al. However, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As explained in the earlier responses, according to a feature of the invention set forth in the rejected claims, there is provided an improvement to a non-contact charging roller having films respectively wrapped around end portions of an elastic member provided on a metallic core. A charging roller of this type is disclosed in the applied reference to Kisu. For example, as is there described, contact type charging devices have been known but suffer from shortcomings including the production of tracks on the photosensitive drum, and the

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